



MICROGRAPHIA

relations how much the *Negro* Women do besmeer the *spaniard*, bringing forth neither white-skinn'd, nor blid *Mulattos*.

Now, though I propound this as probable, I have not certify'd by Observations as to conclude any thing, either negatively, concerning it. Perhaps, some more lucky dilig the curious Inquirer with the discovery of this, to be a tr conjecture, and may thereby give him a satisfactory acco of those creatures, whose original seems yet so obscure, an cause to believe, that many other animate beings, that see mere product of putrification, may be innobled with a F ent as the first creation, and farr exceed the greatest b merous Genealogies. But on the other side, if it shoul these, or any other animate body, have no immediate simi in another place set down a conjectural *Hypothesis* wh *nomena* may likely enough be solv'd, wherein the infi providence of the Creator is no less rare and wonderfull.

Observ. L I. Of the Crab-like Inse

Reading one day in *Septemb.* I chanced to observe a ve creep over the Book I was reading, very slowly; hav by me, I observ'd it to be a creature of a very unusual fo less notable; such as is describ'd in the second *Figure* of th was about the bigness of a large Mite, or somewhat longer; eight of which, A A A A, were topt with very sharp claws, upon which he walk'd, seeming shap'd much like those c in many other things also this little creature resembled other claws, B B, which were the formost of all the ten, and out of his head, like the horns of other Animals, were exact manner of Crabs or Lobsters claws, for they were shap much like those represened in the *Scheme*, and the ends of nish'd with a pair of claws or pincers, C C, which this little and shut at pleasure: It seem'd to make use of those two both for feelers and holders; for in its motion it carried tended before, moving them to and fro, just as a m would do his hands when he is fearfull of running against put a hair to it, it would readily take hold of it wi and seem to hold it fast. Now, though these horns seem for two uses, namely, for feeling and holding; yet he seem having two small black spots, D D, which by the make, c bright reflection from them seem'd to be his eyes; nor d hands, having another pair of claws, E E, very neer plac and seem'd adjoining to it.

The whole body was cas'd over with armour-shells, a